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Kansas growers expect to plant 19.0 million acres to the four major crops (wheat, sorghum, corn, and soybeans), down 2 percent from 2003. **Wheat** seeded in the fall of 2003 totaled 9.90 million acres, unchanged from the December forecast but down 5 percent from the previous year.

Sorghum acreage expected to be planted, at 3.40 million acres, is down 4 percent from a year ago. **Corn** planting intentions totaled 3.00 million, up 3 percent from the 2003 acreage. **Soybean** planted acreage is expected to be 2.70 million acres, up 4 percent from last year. **Oat** seedings are expected to be down 7 percent from 2003 at 130,000 acres. **Barley** seedings, at 10,000 acres, are up from the 9,000 acres planted in 2003.

Sunflower acreage to be planted, at 190,000 acres, is down 2 percent from last year. Oil-type varieties account for 170,000 of the sunflower acreage while non-oil, or confectionary, varieties make up the balance of 20,000 acres. **Dry beans**, at 6,000 acres, are down 6,000 acres from the previous year. **All hay** for harvest, at 3.20 million acres, is down 50,000 acres from 2003. **Cotton** is expected to be planted on 130,000 acres, up 40,000 acres from last year.

PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS - MARCH 1, 2004

Crop	Acreage Planted or to be Planted					
	Kansas			United States		
	2003	Prospective 2004	2004 as % of 2003	2003	Prospective 2004	2004 as % of 2003
	1,000 Acres		Percent	1,000 Acres		Percent
Wheat, All	10,400	9,900	95	61,700	59,462	96
Winter	10,400	9,900	95	44,945	43,372	97
Durum	-	-		2,915	2,757	95
Other Spring	-	-		13,840	13,333	96
Sorghum, All	3,550	3,400	96	9,420	8,600	91
Corn, All	2,900	3,000	103	78,736	79,004	100
Soybeans	2,600	2,700	104	73,404	75,411	103
Oats	140	130	93	4,601	4,312	94
Barley	9	10	111	5,299	4,683	88
Hay, All 1/	3,250	3,200	98	63,342	63,731	101
Sunflowers, All	193	190	98	2,344	2,086	89
Beans, Dry Edible	12.0	6.0	50	1,406.1	1,333.0	95
Cotton, All	90.0	130.0	144	13,483.1	14,401.6	107

1/ Acreage for harvest.

U.S. Prospective Plantings

Corn growers intend to plant 79.0 million acres of corn for all purposes in 2004, up fractionally from both 2002 and 2003. **Soybean** producers intend to plant 75.4 million acres in 2004, up 3 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the largest planted area on record and a rebound from the three year decline in acreage. **Sorghum** plantings are expected to total 8.60 million acres, down 9 percent from last year. The 2004 **all wheat** planted area is expected to total 59.5 million acres, down 4 percent from 2003. **Winter wheat** planted area for the 2004 crop is 43.4 million acres, down 3 percent from 2003. Of the total, about 30.9 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 8.30 million acres Soft Red Winter, and 4.20 million acres White Winter. Area planted to **Durum wheat** is expected to total 2.76 million acres, down 5 percent from 2003. The 2003 **other spring wheat** planted acreage is estimated at 13.3 million acres, down 4 percent from last year. Of the total, 12.7 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. **All cotton** plantings for 2004 are expected to total 14.4 million acres, 7 percent above last year. **Upland** acreage is expected to total 14.2 million acres, also a 7 percent increase. Growers intend to increase their plantings of **American-Pima cotton** to 226,000 acres, up 27 percent from 2003.

Kansas Stocks of Grain

Kansas **wheat** stocks in all positions totaled 167.6 million bushels on March 1, down 39 percent from December 2003 but 29 percent more than last March. Wheat stored in off-farm locations (mills, elevators, warehouses, and processors) totaled 154.6 million bushels and accounted for 92 percent of the total. On-farm stocks totaled 13.0 million bushels, the same as last March.

Sorghum grain in all positions totaled 75.8 million bushels, down 30 percent from December 2003 and 12 percent below a year ago. Off-farm stocks accounted for 63.8 million bushels and on-farm stocks 12.0 million bushels.

Kansas **corn** stocks in all locations, at 132.9 million bushels, were down 34 percent from December and 15 percent below last March. Off-farm stocks were 86.9 million bushels, which accounted for 65 percent of the total corn stocks. On-farm stocks, at 46.0 million bushels, were down 12 percent from the 2003 March stocks.

Kansas **soybeans** in all locations totaled 29.2 million bushels, down 36 percent from December and 14 percent below the 2003 March stocks. Off-farm stocks, at 23.5 million bushels, were up 2 percent from last year and accounted for 80 percent of the total soybean stocks. On-farm stocks, at 5.7 million bushels, were down from 11.0 million last year.

Off-farm **oat** stocks totaled 710,000 bushels, down 25 percent from December and 3 percent below March 2003. Stocks of **barley** in off-farm facilities totaled 30,000 bushels, down from the 44,000 bushels in December and the 59,000 bushels last March.



STOCKS OF GRAIN - MARCH 1, 2004, WITH COMPARISONS

Grain	Position	Kansas			United States		
		Mar. 1, 2003	Dec. 1, 2003	Mar. 1, 2004	Mar. 1, 2003	Dec. 1, 2003	Mar. 1, 2004
1,000 Bushels							
All Wheat	On Farms	13,000	28,000	13,000	236,300	491,925	257,890
	Off Farms <u>1/</u>	116,811	246,134	154,613	670,333	1,028,359	761,141
	TOTAL	129,811	274,134	167,613	906,633	1,520,284	1,019,031
Sorghum Grain	On Farms	16,000	20,000	12,000	27,500	45,200	21,000
	Off Farms <u>1/</u>	69,902	88,565	63,804	135,423	190,736	137,652
	TOTAL	85,902	108,565	75,804	162,923	235,936	158,652
Corn	On Farms	52,000	81,000	46,000	2,940,000	5,286,000	3,030,000
	Off Farms <u>1/</u>	103,549	121,349	86,891	2,191,873	2,667,775	2,240,641
	TOTAL	155,549	202,349	132,891	5,131,873	7,953,775	5,270,641
Soybeans	On Farms	11,000	12,000	5,700	636,500	820,000	355,900
	Off Farms <u>1/</u>	23,014	33,847	23,483	565,528	868,653	549,623
	TOTAL	34,014	45,847	29,183	1,202,028	1,688,653	905,523
Oats	On Farms	*	*	*	35,000	64,400	45,600
	Off Farms <u>1/</u>	730	946	710	47,879	54,900	49,469
	TOTAL	*	*	*	82,879	119,300	95,069
Barley	On Farms	*	*	*	36,730	97,200	51,700
	Off Farms <u>1/</u>	59	44	30	86,710	100,679	99,784
	TOTAL	*	*	*	123,440	197,879	151,484

1/ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, & processors. * On-farm stocks are no longer published separately for Kansas.